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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Program B FY 1966 Budget Submission

1. This memorandum and its attachment deal with the CIA budget submission to the National Reconnaissance Office for FY 1966 and are provided for the information of the DCI and DDCI.

2. Under the implementation of the 13 March 1963 NRO Agreement, all CIA programs are lumped under Program B of the NRO, of which General Ledford is Director. Budget submissions for Program B go directly from General Ledford to Dr. McMillan as DNRO, and the remaining fiscal dialogue is between them. I have reviewed this submission briefly and intend to intervene more directly in this matter, either or both of you may elect to do the same.

3. For your information, it is our anticipation that Dr. McMillan will not approve certain of the line item entries appearing in the FY 1966 budget. He is already committed to the course which would eliminate CIA participation in satellite programs. Accordingly, funding requests for CORONA, [redacted] are unwelcome and will probably not be honored by the DNRO. However, they do place CIA on the record as requesting funding support for them. ISINGLASS has not yet been approved as a national program and the funds request for it is a planning figure in anticipation of such approval.

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However, Mr. McCone felt that this was a logical source to approach for funds and the submission therefore is made in response to that direction. The other items are all fairly routine although the levels will be subject to considerable debate.

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